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Why do counties and contractors constantly feel this area is ripe for the pickings and it's full steam ahead for development? Why do these people never seem to take into account externalities and how it affects the local populations? Why does it always seem to be about the economy and not the natural ecology that is the basis for that economy?

My late partner and I bought property on Lopez in 2008. At the time there were four persons living on the property. One daughter married a local and the parents, with a daughter, moved to N. Washington. Two us replaced three and since my partner died now one is living where three once were, so a lowering of the population. We sublet the property for 3 years and moved in in 2011. The existing home was remodeled and, aside from a new 10' X 16' sunroom, we made an effort of replacing a derelict two car garage and mudroom with a new building which stayed in the existing footprint. I installed a water harvesting system in order to preserve the well for emergency use only.

We must desperately look to a truly sustainable growth management plan (constant growth is not sustainable under any circumstance). I would ask, does the county ever take into account such things as the quality of life, ferry service, water availability, forest destruction and a plethora of other resources necessary for sustaining LIFE (writ large) in its plans or is economics the sole concern?

I urge the County Council to put Docket 21-0003 on the work plan for DCD as part of the process for completing the Comprehensive Plan update.

The legal density designations in the county pencil out to a build-out population of over 130,000 *not counting visitors*. Is this so or is there some other vision?

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